

NOTICES.

G. P. LAMMERT.

AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER
AND SURVEYOR.

Public Auctions.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on
WEDNESDAY, November 19, 1919,
 at NOON,
 at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,
 The Wreck of the S.S.
"TAIWAN MARU,"
 with all her gear appurtenances as the
 now lies stranded in the Hainan Straits.
 Terms: Cash on fall of Hammer,
 when vessel will be at purchaser's Risk.
 GEO. P. LAMMERT,
 Auctioneer.
 For last, November 19, 1919.

INTIMATIONS.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB

H. E. The GOVERNOR, and
 PATRON of the Club, has kindly
 offered to present a Challenge Shield to
 be played for annually by pairs of mem-
 bers of the Club representing Govern-
 ment Departments, Military Corps or
 Regiments, H. M. Ships, or Naval
 Departments, individual Firms, etc.
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 partment, Firm or other recognised
 body, the committee to decide in any
 doubtful case whether an entry may be
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The competition to be foursome (not
 four balls) matches of 18 holes over the
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 caps.

Lists will be found on the Notice
 Boards of the Club Houses or at the
 Hongkong Club. Entries close on the
 29th instant.

The names of the winners for the
 year will be inscribed upon the Shield
 when received and souvenir cups will
 be presented for the winners this year
 by His Excellency and in future years
 by the Club.

By Order,
 THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.
 14th November, 1919.

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB.

"AT HOME DAY."

THE ANNUAL "AT HOME
 DAY" and presentation of Prizes
 will be held on SATURDAY, 23rd
 Nov. at 2.30 p.m. at the Club.
 D. S. COOPER,
 Hon. Secretary.
 Hongkong, November 17, 1919.

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 MONDAY, 24th.
 THURSDAY, 27th.Admission to Dance Room each Day
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 Manager.

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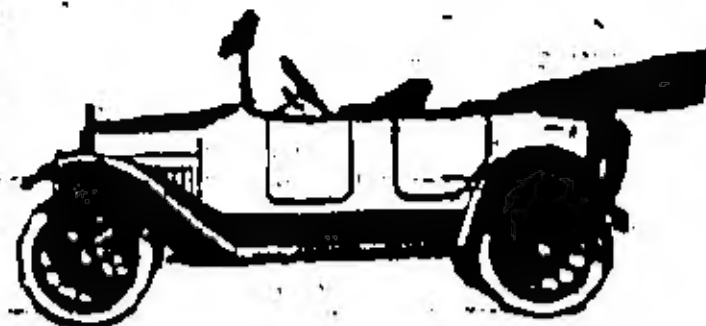
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 with the above Hotel at the earliest
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 etc. The public are requested to
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 as on and from this date until its
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 co-operation of the public in the fore-
 going regard.

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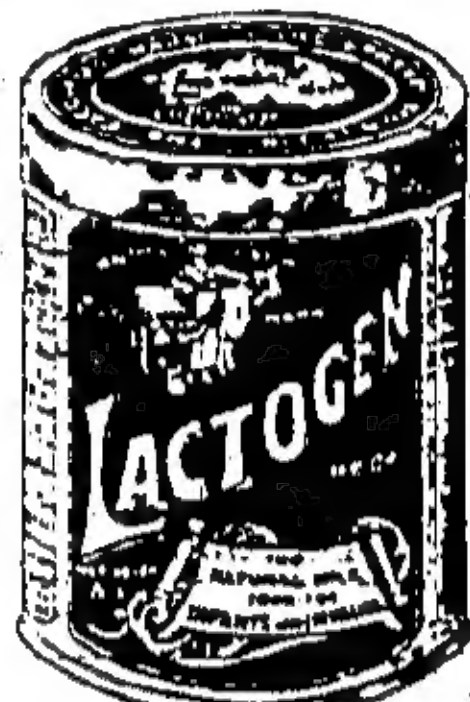
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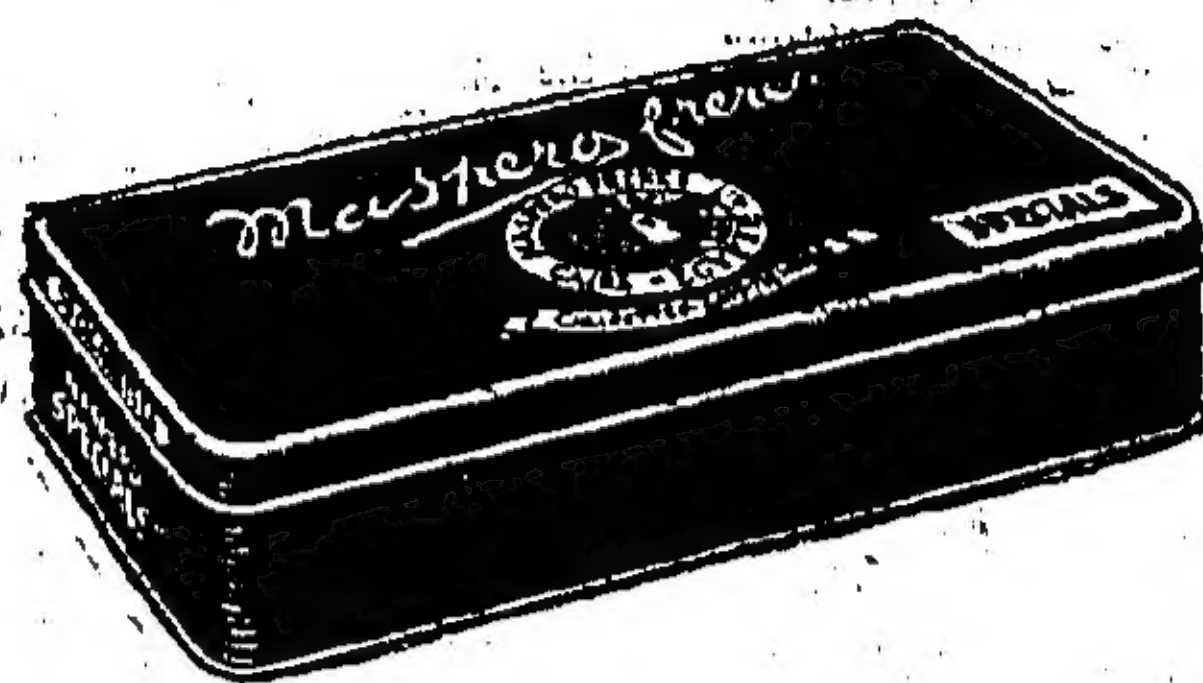
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COL. SHERWOOD-KELLY.

CHURCHILL.

Colonel Kelly at the outset says a
 court-martial on his conduct is, for
 the moment at least, refused.

Giving the story of his service in
 North Russia, he says that after the
 Russian mutiny on the Onega front,
 two companies of his battalion were
 sent to the Volzga, on railway
 front. Other companies had pre-
 viously been detached, and his bat-
 talion was now "distributed" over
 something like 300 miles of front,
 and its mission was chiefly to over-
 awe mutinously disposed Russian
 troops.

Notwithstanding this fact, a few
 days after arriving with a two
 companies on the Volzga front, I
 was ordered to carry out a raid on
 the enemy under cover of gas. On
 this subject I wrote to the G.O.C.
 Volzga force as follows:—

"With reference to the proposed
 raid, I am not personally in favour
 of it, for the following reasons:—

"The objects of raids in France
 were, as you are well aware, to
 obtain identification, to raise our
 own moral, and lower the enemy's.
 In this case I do not think any of
 these objects would be achieved.

"In the first place, identification
 can be obtained by other means;
 the moral of my own men never
 stood higher, as they well appreciate
 the low standard of the enemy. On
 the other hand, I do not think a
 raid would materially affect the
 enemy, and, furthermore, I under-
 stand that the Allied Russian troops
 would very likely not understand
 a raid when our own troops go
 forward and come back again.

"If the proposed operation is left
 to my discretion, I shall not carry
 it out. I am continuing to make all
 preparations in case you order me
 to carry out the raid."

"The raid, however, did not take
 place while I was with the battalion,
 for the reason that the wind was
 not favourable for the gas attack.

"SEEN ENOUGH."
 "By this time I had seen enough
 to convince me that we were wasting
 good men and money by remaining
 in North Russia, and, further, that
 our work, such as it was, was unskil-
 fully and badly done.

"I determined by some means or
 other to get back to England, and
 with that object I wrote a private
 letter to a friend at home in which I
 roundly criticised and condemned the
 North Russian operations. I knew
 that this letter would be opened by
 the censor and that I should be
 brought before the Commander-in-
 Chief to answer for it. This was
 the serious offence under the Army
 Act referred to by Mr. Churchill.

"My relations with the General
 Staff at Archangel were not good,
 because I had to protest on more
 than one occasion about staff mis-

management. I knew that I was a
 marked man, and that G.H.Q. would
 not let me go."

On August 15 he was called before
 General Lord Rawlinson, who told
 him that his letter (it had been opened
 by the censor) constituted an
 offence, but because of his "previous
 good behaviour and good record dur-
 ing the war" he would not be sent
 to court, but relieved of his command.

On August 19 Col. Kelly received
 from G.H.Q. an adverse report on
 himself, which had been forwarded
 to General Rawlinson on August 12.
 This report referred to "another
 adverse report alleged to have been
 made on me by Brigadier Gen.
 Turner, G.O.C. Volzga front."

"Military regulations demanded
 that both these reports before being
 sent on to higher authority should
 have been submitted to me to be
 read and initialed. This was not
 done; I had no cognisance of the
 reports before they were forwarded,
 and they were never mentioned at
 my interview with General Lord
 Rawlinson, otherwise I would have
 had something to say about them.

"When I asked to see General
 Turner's adverse report, it could not
 be produced and General Turner per-
 sonally denied to me that he had
 ever written it."

THE ALLEGED CHARGES.

Colonel Kelly says that on the day
 he was ordered to report to Archangel
 General Turner telegraphed to
 G.H.Q. stating that he did not wish
 to lose his (Colonel Kelly's) services.
 The charge made against him,
 Colonel Kelly states, "included one
 of alleged gross insubordination. I
 was described as 'a hot-headed and
 quarrelsome man who has had rows
 with practically everyone with whom
 he has come in contact.'"

In a letter to General Rawlinson,
 complaining that the adverse reports
 had not been brought to his notice
 in the proper manner, he "set out
 frankly and fully all that had taken
 place since I had been in North
 Russia, a story which, of necessity,
 constituted a most damaging criticism
 of the staff and its methods of con-
 ducting the campaign."

After this letter arrived at General Ironside's
 headquarters he (Colonel Kelly) re-
 ceived a letter from Brigadier General
 F.W.H. Walsh, General Ironside's
 chief staff officer, asking if he wanted
 the letter to go before the C-in-C.
 as a private letter or an official
 one, and adding: "He (General
 Ironside) is not at all against you,
 but is awfully sorry about the whole
 affair. It was only for the letter
 that you were removed from your
 command. Nothing else was con-
 sidered by the Commander-in-Chief.
 But the report had to be made, of
 course, on your whole career since
 you came to North Russia at the
 same time."

GENERAL IRONSIDE.

The next day he received another
 letter from Brigadier General Walsh

advising him to have an interview
 with "the" Commander-in-Chief,
 and stating: "Ironside is perfectly
 ready to talk it over with you at any
 time. He has seen your letter to the
 Commander-in-Chief. The only re-
 port which will go to the Commander-
 in-Chief" was the one sending him
 home for writing an injudicious
 letter.

These letters, Colonel Kelly says,
 could not have been written without
 General Ironside's cognisance. "I
 am promised that if I will refrain
 from telling the Commander-in-Chief
 what I know a serious adverse report
 against me shall be withdrawn. I
 went to see General Ironside and
 the inducement offered to me was
 increased." I was told that my
 passage to England had been can-
 celled. . . . that he (General Iron-
 side) was ready to forget everything
 that had taken place, and give me a
 better job than my old one if I would
 stay in Russia.

"I told him that if he wanted to
 do me a kindness he would let me
 go to England. He said he would
 do that and that he would forward a
 recommendation for six months' leave
 and the command of a reserve
 battalion at home at the end of it.

"On those assurances I refrained
 from sending my letter to the C-in-C,
 and came home. On reporting to
 the War Office I found that General
 Ironside's promised recommenda-
 tions had not been received. I
 cabled to Archangel to ask why, and
 received the following reply:—

"G.O.C. Lord Rawlinson refused
 his decision. Original report there-
 fore stands—Gen. Walsh."

"After getting rid of me from
 North Russia the authorities have
 gone back on all their promises, and
 the adverse report, which I had been
 given no opportunity of meeting, has
 been sent to the War Office."

"Mr. Churchill says that disci-
 plinary action against me will take
 its course. What course? If it be
 a court-martial I shall welcome it,
 for I shall have the chance I want
 of clearing my military character of the
 charges made against it. I fear, how-
 ever, that there will be no court-
 martial; the consequences would be
 too awkward for the authorities in
 North Russia. I fear that I shall be
 just gazzetted out of Army without
 an opportunity to present my side of
 the case."

"In that event I shall protest, and
 I shall demand either a court-martial
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Hongkong, November 3, 1919.

THE Underland have received instructions to sell at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Lee House Street.

One
Outrigger racing skiff about 21 feet long with sliding seat and pair of sculls, (newly done up).

The above craft is in good condition and is being sold due to owner leaving the Colony.

Terms—Cash.

Particulars from the Undersigned.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, October 2, 1919.

INTIMATIONS.

G. R.
NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS with the exception of persons of Chinese race, wishing to leave the Colony must have in their possession a VALID PASSPORT. Passports not in possession of passengers will not be allowed to leave the Colony. All persons, with certain exceptions, who remain in the Colony for more than 7 days are required to Register themselves under the REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE 1918. Forms of Registration giving the particulars required may be obtained at the G.P.O. and at all Police Stations. The Penalty for non compliance is a fine not exceeding \$50.

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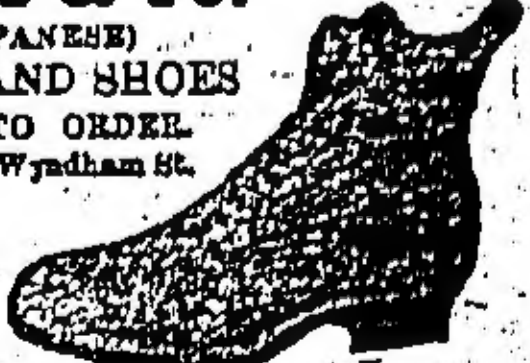
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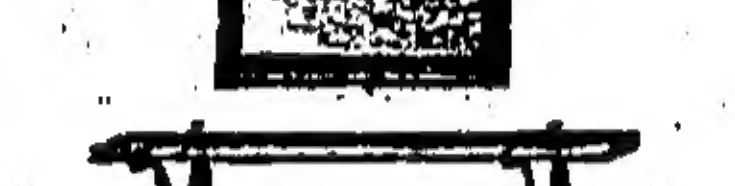
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Berlin, W. S. August 28, 1919. Friedrichstr. 140, Einyang. Tachestr. 13.

My dear —
I have received your kind letter of July 29, and I was really very pleased to hear from you and being informed that you and your family are enjoying best of health! I intend coming back to Ceylon as soon as the British Government will give us the permission to return. I have procured the contract of the different steamer lines and you may depend that I shall not forget you and business will flourish again. I have started a new business in Berlin and am doing very well, but still in spite of all this, I have a longing to return to Ceylon. I do not care to live in Germany. You have to consider that I have been more than 25 years in Ceylon and considered it my second home. You cannot imagine how sorry I was to leave Ceylon, and even up to now I do not know the reason why I was sent to Java. Well, never mind, it was to my advantage and I sincerely hope to see you soon again in Colombo. Would you kindly go and find out if my furniture is still available or has it been sold in auction? I have started a new company with American capital and hope to open up in Ceylon and India some factories which will be of great interest and advantage to you, and would pay better than ship-chandler or any other business. I shall give you more details in the near future. Please write to me as often as possible. It will be to your advantage. Please give my best regards to my friend, Mr. — Kindest regards to you dear — and your family.
Yours truly,
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[For the China Mail, by Keith West.]

Man is by nature a poet. Songs are amongst the most enduring literature of a nation, passing from mouth to mouth when the written word perishes. Even Mr. Dyer Ball holds that the tonic system in language is more natural than the European habit of ignoring cadence. And tones are song in embryo.

Poetry holds over prose one advantage only. There exists in the most powerful instrument to express the emotions. Compare Carlyle's inadequate effort to portray Napoleon in "Heroes and Hero-worship" with the great line of Mrs. Browning: "And Kings crept out again to feel the sun." In those nine words lies the whole of Napoleon's greatness, clear as the White Horse against the Downs. But in this very advantage lies the difficulty; the metre must fit the intention, or the whole falls short even of the most uncontentious prose. Again, what simple succession of unmetrical clauses could point such glowing colours as are called to the sympathetic mental eye by Kubla Khan?

Vers libre is a euphemism to denote one of two things. Either prose is cut, like cloth, to convenient lengths, or the poet fails to express more than a chaotic mental confusion. His self-chosen verse becomes merely a vehicle for covering the faults in an unpleasing prose. To fit the thoughts to the form of verse, a writer, argues a mental clarity and a detachment of ideas from the phraseology that is the first essential in creative literature. Only old and jaded folk rely on catchwords for their minds' equipment. The young create their own language—lovers are, for that very reason, incomprehensible to the cool eye of fortune.

Stevenson, in "The Art of Writing," sums up in a crystalline sentence the aim of all literature and the difficulty of success.

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Farewell! Hongkong, thou land of stuck-up snobs,
Hypocritical cant and dirty "put up" jobs.
All nature's gifts could not compensate
For me the human travail that I have learned to hate.

Fain am I now, from off my feet to shake,
Contaminating dust that follows in my wake;
As thro' thy streets I walk, lined with profiteering shops,
And the sweat of agony falls from heated brow in drops.

And when I wave mine hand from some departing ship:
As thro' those unbridged waters I sail, swiftly, ship,
To the lands of Destiny my fervent prayer shall be,
From such ungodly spheres for ever set me free.

—By a new Recruit.
[This new recruit to our gang of rhymer-seers to think it is "owed," not ode; but surely our earthly paradise can be otherwise more fully described?—Ed. C.M.]

ANOTHER NEW ONE.

Though the learned doctors are talking
And the Mad Beast his defiance hath hurled
While the spirit of unrest is stalking
Up through the length and breadth of the world;
While our belief in our God is now shaken
By prophets who declare that they know
While blood is outpoured both of friend and of foe,
While Peace a captive weeping is taken,
Yet this truth is still standing before you
And will stand till Eternity's fall,
Namely, this darling girl, "I adore you."
It is my creed in its part and its all,
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And this thing is certain that I love you.

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HONGKONG FOOTBALL LEAGUE AND ASSOCIATION.

RETIREMENT OF MR. F. WRIGHT.

A general meeting of the Hongkong Football League, and of the Hongkong Football Association, was held last evening at Victoria Barracks, for the purpose of electing a new Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, the dual offices of both concerns becoming vacant due to the retirement of Mr. F. Wright; and also to deal with any other business brought before the meeting.

Mr. J. P. Jones, Vice-President of the League, occupied the Chair and there were about a dozen representatives of the various Clubs present, including Staff and Departments, Hongkong Football Club, St. Joseph's College, Royal Navy, United F.C., and South China Athletic.

The question of roping-in the military ground was discussed and it was finally agreed to refer this matter to the Garrison Recreation Club.

With reference to the match which was to have been played between the Police and St. Joseph's College on November 8, it was explained that St. Joseph's did not turn up owing to the ground being unplayable.

The Chairman pointed out that the Police team and the referee turned up, and it was for the referee to decide whether the ground was playable or not.

It was finally decided that the Police Secretary be approached with a view to playing off the match at a future date. If the matter could not be amicably settled, then reference would be made to the League Management Committee.

Mr. Wright then said that in the early part of the year, he was thinking of going home but he had agreed to take on the Secretaryship until the work had been got under way. He thought the matter was pretty well fixed up now and as he intended leaving next month, it was time somebody else took the work over.

Mr. Ralston proposed, and Mr. Wong seconded, that Mr. J. Ralston be elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the League, and the motion was carried.

The Chairman moved, and Mr. Black seconded, that the resignation of the R.G.A. (Reserve) from the second division of the League be accepted and the motion was carried.

It was agreed that the election of a Club to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the R.G.A. (Reserve) be left to the League Management Committee.

The meeting of the Hongkong Football Association, immediately followed, Mr. Jones again presiding. Mr. J. Ralston was unanimously elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, vice Mr. Wright, retiring.

Master Gunner May, referring to the resignation of Mr. Wright, moved that the meeting pass a vote of thanks for his work and the interest he had taken in football in Hongkong during the past seven years. Mr. Wright was now about to leave for home and it was up to the members of the Hongkong football community to bid Mr. Wright adieu and to thank him for his services.

In replying, Mr. Wright said he had had a very happy time and a good innings, and he had enjoyed himself as much as anyone. He was glad to see the great improvement the Chinese had made in football. He remembered that when he first came, they hardly knew anything about the game, but now they were as proficient as any players could possibly be. He thanked them for their kind wishes.

Mr. Wong thanked Mr. Wright on behalf of the Chinese Clubs for his advice and willingness at all times to give every assistance in his power. After a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the meeting terminated.

A MOTOR CAR SUMMONS.

The driver of motor car No. A239, belonging to the China Mail Steamship Company, was charged this morning before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with unlawfully disobeying the orders of an Indian Sergeant. The Sergeant stated that at 12.30 on the morning of the 4th, while he was on duty at the King Edward Hotel corner, he saw the car drive in to Ice House Street, and stop outside the China Mail Steamship Company. It was his duty to see that no cars waited on any part of that road, and he went up to the defendant and told him to drive out to Des Voeux Road and wait there. Defendant refused, when a gentleman came out and boarded the car. There was no lady in the car at that time. Defendant said that the day in question was the 3rd and not the 4th. When the Sergeant went up to him the lady in the car who was waiting for the gentleman told him that it was all right. Mr. O. H. Ritter, Manager of the steamship company said the occupants of the car were Captain Dobson of the ss. "Nanking" and Mrs. Dobson. The Captain was on business and he went to the office in the car. He did not stay very long and naturally the car had to wait outside on the road. His Worship discharged defendant because the evidence was contradictory.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

[By Arrangement with the Wah Tat Yat Po.]

SHANGHAI, Nov. 17.

Kan Wan Pang informs the On Fook Club that should they reject any of the Ministers whom he is going to submit for approval he will resign his Premiership or let the Ministers carry on under an acting appointment.

Kan Wan Pang received a telegram from Luk Wing Ting regretting his inability to make the southern leaders recognise Wong Yip-tong as the North Chief delegate. Luk asks Pang to send another man to take Wang's place.

Owing to the position of the Shantung question Luk Ching Cheung tenders his resignation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

A certain party asked Kan Wan Pang to enter into political party life. Kan refused saying as a military man he should be a non-partisan.

It is proposed to hold a national elders' conference at Shanghai to settle the peace question. The conference will consist of three venerable gentlemen from each province.

The Cabinet has wired to the Military Government requesting them to instruct the authorities of Yunnan to withdraw the issuance of the Gold Currency in Yunnan.

Numerous posters printed both in Chinese and Japanese were discovered in the Kansu province. They instigate the Mohammedans there to declare their independence of the Chinese. A witness has been found to say that they were circulated by a certain country. The Central Government has ordered the authorities in the Province to prohibit such circulation.

A MODEST POLICEMAN.

BUT "EMBRACING" IS NOT AN OFFENCE.

A Chinese girl was before Mr. Lindsell this morning with behaving in a disorderly manner at the Glenaele entrance to the Public Gardens. A Chinese constable stated that while he was on duty at 7.15 p.m. yesterday near the Glenaele entrance to the gardens, he saw two persons sitting on a chair some distance away. On going up he saw defendant being embraced by a man. He arrested both and brought them to the station, where they were bailed out at \$10 each.

His Worship—Do you consider embracing an offence?

Witness—They were embracing each other, and I thought it was disorderly conduct in public.

Inspector Cashman—The defendant is a married woman. She left home after having a quarrel with her husband who is employed at the Dairy Farm. She is at present living with her mother.

His Worship did not consider it was any offence and discharged defendant.

The man in the case who was not present in Court had his bail estreated.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

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MANCHESTER WEEKLY MARKET REPORT.

Messrs. James F. Hutton & Co., Ltd., Manchester, report on Oct. 9: During the early part of the week cotton values showed something of a decline, but adverse weather news, trade buying, and the settlement of the Railway Strike here very soon led to a change of sentiment. Both New York and Liverpool are now extremely strong and the close of the week again sees prices moving upward. The yarn and cloth market have also reacted to a marked extent following the uncertainty which prevailed during the Railway Strike. Previous to the settlement business was almost entirely suspended although enquiry was in a much larger scale than recently. Many orders were pending and the accumulated business has now caused an activity not seen for some time. Yarn quotations have been quickly advanced and cloth buyers have found prices moving rapidly against them. In few instances has it been possible to work at prices given a few days ago, markets generally demanding an advance even where cable acceptances have been received. A good many factors have led to this strong feeling. The basis of the Railway settlement in the opinion of many is one which will create a standard for similar disputes and the labour outlook is consequently considered to be much more settled. Together with this optimism there has been a turnover of some importance and enquiry of a very considerable weight, leaving producers in a very strong position indeed. It becomes increasingly evident that output cannot for the present meet demand. The universal hardness in the world's markets of goods of all kinds would even under pre-war conditions have taken a long time to meet. Now however with reduced output the difficulty of coping with demand is considerably greater, and there can be little doubt that for some time to come producers will continue in their present happy position of having as much business as they care to undertake. The full effect of this deficiency of supply as compared with demand seems indeed hardly to have been realised by overseas buyers who in many cases have delayed the conclusion of purchases for seasons shipments until it has become impossible to obtain the goods in time. This is in fact a difficulty which seems likely to be set even more acutely in the immediate future, and deserves consideration where the necessity for goods is more or less urgent.

THE PHENOMENA OF DRYING WOOD.

Timber in its green state, as is very well known, will contain water in two forms. In the cavities of the cells, or pores, moisture will collect as free water and also, absorbed in the substance of the wood itself, hygroscopic or "imbibed" water will be found. As a rule, the free water may be evaporated without any shrinkage or deterioration of the wood. In some cases, however, the evaporation of the free water seems to be sufficient to cause a collapse of the cell walls, and this collapse is assisted if the wood is dried at too high a temperature. Frequently, however, the free water can be removed by heating above the boiling-point without injury to the wood, but if it is necessary to have recourse to gradual transference of the moisture through the cell walls, instead of actual boiling, a great difficulty can arise. The surface may be dried below "the fibre saturation point," or that point at which the cell walls, or wood substance, are completely saturated, and if this point in the drying is reached, while free water remains in the interior, trouble will ensue. The "fibre saturation point," a very critical point in the drying, lies generally, with the exception of the oak, eucalyptus, and a few other trees, between moisture condition of 25 per cent. and 30 per cent. of the dry weight of the wood. The effect of the removal of the hygroscopic water is very different. Shrinkage and other changes take place, which set up stresses in the timber, often attended with detrimental results. In order that this absorbed water may pass from the interior of a beam, the main portion must pass transversely from cell to cell and evaporate at the surface. This process of transference in the case of air-dried wood is tediously slow. Inch planks, according to the material, will require from six months to three years, under favourable conditions of atmosphere, piling, &c. Even under the best circumstances, the wood will rarely dry below 12 per cent. to 14 per cent., and to obtain a thoroughly dry wood, kiln-drying must be employed. With kiln-drying the effects of unequal shrinkage are more marked, for the higher the temperature under moist conditions the greater the shrinkage. Moreover, wood substances, when moist, becomes soft and plastic if submitted to high temperatures. Cohesion between the fibres easily breaks down, and collapse of cells may occur in some species. These are drawbacks inevitable in kiln-drying, which have to be met practically by skill and experience in the management of the kiln.—Engineering.

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DILWARA	16th December	2nd January

FOR

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S.S.	Leave Hongkong about	Due Calcutta about
GREGORY APCAR	17th Nov. at 1 p.m.	6th December

FOR

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S.S.	Leave Hongkong about	Due Sydney about
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SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

S.S.	Leave Hongkong about	Due Yokohama about
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TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 24th December, at 11 a.m.
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TOKIWA MARU ... Wednesday, 26th November.
SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Cape.

BOMBAY & COLOMBO via Singapore.
TAMA MARU ... Sunday, 30th November.
SHINYO MARU ... Tuesday, 2nd December.

CALCUTTA & RANGOON via Singapore & Penang.
NAGATO MARU ... Tuesday, 25th November.
MURORAN MARU ... Thursday, 4th December.

JAPAN PORTS—Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama.
NIKKO MARU ... Friday, 21st November, at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

KITANO MARU ... Tuesday, 26th November, at 11 a.m.
ASIA MARU ... Tuesday, 2nd December.
INABA MARU ... Thursday, 11th December, at 11 a.m.

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TRUBHIMA MARU (Marseilles & Liverpool) ... Thursday, 4th December.
DURBAN MARU (London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg) Middle of Dec.
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San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan &c.	Ecuador	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	On 21st Dec. at Noon.
San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan &c.	Nile	China Mail S.S. Co. Ltd.	On 2nd November.
Seattle, Tacoma, Victoria & Vancouver.	Endicott	The Admiral Line	On 30th December.
Victoria, Vancouver, Seattle & Tacoma.	Africa Maru	Yokohama Specie Co.	About 26th Nov.
Vancouver via Shanghai, Japan &c.	Kashima Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 22nd Nov.
Vancouver via Shanghai, Japan &c.	Empress of Japan	Canadian O.S. Ltd.	On 19th November.
Manila, Cebu & Iloilo.	Taming	Butterfield & Swire	On 27th November.
Australian Ports via Japan.	Kiyo Maru	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	On 18th Nov. at 3 p.m.
New York via Panama.	Eurylochus	Butterfield & Swire	On 19th Nov. at 11 a.m.
New York via Panama.	Lowther Castle	The Admiral Line	On 24th Nov.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama.	Tango Maru	Doiwell & Co. Ltd.	About 19th Dec.
Shanghai	Huangsang	Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd.	On 11th Nov. at 11 a.m.
Shanghai & Tientsin	Sinning	Butterfield & Swire	On 18th Nov. at 11 a.m.
Tientsin	Yan	Butterfield & Swire	On 20th Nov. at Noon.
Calcutta via Straits & Rangoon.	Chipping	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 22nd Nov. at 4 p.m.
Singapore, Penang & Belawan-Deli.	Nagato Maru	Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd.	On 22nd Nov. at 4 p.m.
Keelung via Swatow and Amoy.	Van Waerwijck	Java-China-Japan Line	On 25th Nov.
Swatow & Bangkok	Amakusa Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 23rd Nov.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow.	Kwangse	Butterfield & Swire	On 24th Nov.
Manila	Hatching	Douglas LaPrak & Co.	On 24th Nov. at 9 a.m.
Bombay & Colombo	Yusung	Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd.	On 21st Nov. at 9 p.m.
London via Suez, Port Said &c.	Alpa Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 29th Nov.
Mauritius, Delagoa Bay, Durban.	Tamba Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	End of Nov.
Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Port Said.	Seattle Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 29th Nov. at Noon.
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CORRESPONDENCE

"SLAVERY."

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—The China Mail in order to prove that it is always "rightfully" has gone to several influential Chinese for their opinions on "Slavery." Were it not that the people to whom the China Mail went are slave owners themselves, we would at once bow to their opinions; but the China Mail has selected these people because of their influence—which here in Hongkong means riches—neglecting some other more important considerations. The China Mail forgets that these influential Chinese have their wives to consider; how frightful it would be for their prestige should their wives go to visit their relations in the interior without bringing with them some "slave girls." Would not their half-educated female relations at "home" at once say "X. cu k'o how tai yeh ah? Mu ch'ui to no li ho."—Do you think him to be too grand? He does not even possess a few slave girls. I would really like to hear the opinions of a man who had the child kidnapped and sold as "slave," if the China Mail will only interview him.

Now let us examine these opinions.

There are two strings to the bow of Mr. Lau Chu Pak. Either he is ignorant of how the Chinese really live, despite the fact of his being Chinese himself, or he is encouraging the truth. Neither of which, in my mind, consistent with the position he holds. President of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Representative of the Chinese in the Hongkong Legislative Council. I have on several occasions weighed the public speeches of this gentleman and found them wanting, as witness his ideas on the study of the Chinese language, on the Chinese students abroad, etc., but I am desisting.

Mr. Lau tells us that the Registrar-General—now called the Secretary for Chinese Affairs—investigated long ago the situation of "Slavery." Well, if such thing did happen, the investigation must have been a very poor one; or was it that it was made under the guidance of the influential Chinese and the Po Leung Kuk? God help us then that the Chinese law does not admit "slavery," rather, the sale and purchase of human beings, and gives the tax of a "Dead" and one of outright sale. He also tells us that "prostitution is excepted in such 'Deeds,' and that parents are allowed to use their children after the sale. Will Mr. Lau tell us how it is that millions of prostitutes in China are purchased slaves? Does he know or does he not that here in Hongkong grown-up girls are still passing hands, and are sent down to brothels at West Point to become "entertainers"? We quite understand that the consent of these girls is obtained, i.e., that they accept to become "entertainers," but how is such consent obtained by the wily "procureurs"? Sometimes by holding before the unhappy uneducated victims the splendor of fine clothing, jewels and other things, and sometimes by money. A common phrase amongst them is "Mai Mo tai coi Chan Mo"—a mother by purchase of more importance than the natural mother. Is it to be wondered that these unhappy beings who see themselves passing from hand to hand and who are surrounded by all these pernicious influences, should succumb? As regards the children being allowed after the sale to be visited by their parents, it is seldom that this is the case. Although it is put in the "Deed," yet a verbal arrangement is made to the contrary. Mr. Lau also tells us that the Chinese only sell their children when "hard pressed." I quite agree with him in so far as boys are concerned, but as for girls, they are sold on the smallest pretext. I have seen personally many a girl sold to provide opium to a mother. I would to uphold his argument Mr. Lau relates a story. Well, let me relate another. In the year 1908 I was at Miao and was visiting a friend of mine, a Mr. Hung. A woman appeared at the door with a girl about five years of age whom she offered

for sale. Mrs. Hung refused alleging that she already had too many maid-chamber girls. Then exactly the same circumstances happened as with Mr. Lau, almost the same story being told. This little girl was at last purchased for \$88. In the evening of the same day, Mr. Hong Sin, the Miao Chief, of Chinese Detectives visited Mr. Hung and took possession of the child. The supposed mother of the girl was tried for kidnapping and the little being was returned to her parents, a wealthy family of Tai Loung.

I have been living next to wealthy Chinese for years, and have observed how slaves are treated. It is true that they are generally well-treated by the masters, but these are seldom at home, and then it is with half-educated wives and concubines that these unhappy creatures have to deal with. I quite agree also that children should be punished when refractory, but slave girls in the hands of the Chinese females at home are seldom punished, they are ill-treated. A pinch here, a smack there, kneeling down for hours, and a scolding again form the common routine of the day for them. Mr. Lau's own admission that during his visits to the interior he has seen many girls about ill-treatment of slave girls is another proof that ill-treatment of these is widespread in China. Surely no such stories would have been written if slaves are all well-treated with some isolated exceptions. As it generally happens in this world, there are some happy things who "live" into the good will of their mistresses. These are treated even sometimes better than sons and daughters, and to a man

rejoice to marry.

Mr. Lau shows his ignorance again when speaking about calling Chinese marriage trafficking. Is it possible that such an opinion should fall from his lips? Does he know that most of the middle-class Chinese refuse to receive any "lat see," money present—from the bridegroom side, and that it is only the poor who accept such in order to partly recoup them of the expenses in providing the "lat chung"—the bride's trousseau and furniture going to the bridegroom, which are supplied by the bride's parents? Mind, that I am not speaking of taking concubines; these are purchased as slaves, for concubines in China are called "lat cheung"—slave concubines—and are subjected to all sorts of ill-treatment from the "lat see" side. I leave it to the readers to say as to what kind of a life these concubines have to live when selected for the slave girls when they become of age, I have to say that excepting the very poor, few Chinese will take slaves as "lat fat"—real wives. They are generally sold out as concubines. In advocating from what he calls a "humanitarian point of view," Mr. Lau is only considering the interest of the hard-hearted parents who are ready to sell their daughters on the smallest pretext. Does he consider the feelings of the thousands who are forcibly deprived of their children by kidnapping? Does he also think of the social status of those girls who are forced or induced to become "entertainers," especially with concubinage is now not legally recognized in China? In saying that "bawling-houses," etc., must be abolished before the abolition of slavery should be legally promulgated, he is trying to find the cure before he knows the disease. There are millions of poor people in the other countries of the world, but they do not sell their children or "lend" them to bawling-houses. Notices that all girls are free will not serve to solve the problem. What I meant to advocate in making for a Proclamation in my former letter was that one illegalizing purchasing of human beings should be made. I hold a contrary view to Mr. Lau's, for I maintain that if there is no purchasing there will be no selling. It is quixotic to expect Mr. Lau expects, that China can be brought to such a millennium as that every body will be well off. As long as there is buying there will be kidnapping and consequently selling. Do not speak to us about the Chinese Secretary, the Police Station and the Po Leung Kuk. The first two are institutions of which the average Chinese are afraid, and I know too much of the way in which this influential Chinese who administer the law do their work, to have any respect for it. Moreover the Chinese girls here, with very few exceptions, think of the Po Leung Kuk as

nothing better than a prison for them. Ask any one, to prove this statement. What surprises me most are the statements made by the Rev. Dr. Pearce. That a Christian Missionary should approve of "slavery and concubinage, despite his camouflage of being 'opposed' to the principle, is really stunning. Where is your Bible Dr.? What does your Christ say about the lice and the birds? But I forget that the slave-owners and concubine possessors here are wealthy Chinese whom it is not always politic to offend.

Yours, etc.
JOHN KESTREL.
[This letter is replied to in "Advertiser."—Ed. C.M.]

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—I am sorry it was not until yesterday that I got an opportunity of reading your interesting comments on the Chamber of Commerce Conference at Shanghai, in your issue of Friday, owing to the fact that I have, like a dutiful husband, been taking my wife to the Fawcett Convention every night. I have for some time wanted an excuse for bringing into the light of publicity one or two little things I have learned during a stay of nearly sixteen years in the East, and although my subject may not have a direct bearing on the matters which you have so ably handled, it is at least an allied topic and my excuse for encroaching on your valuable space (if you give it) must be Friday's issue of the "Mail." What I write is not what I think, it is what I have seen. I read first of all with what appears to me to be something in the nature of a panic over last week's to the British merchant in the East. "So far as Hongkong is concerned, dividends and other matters do not show it," but I suppose there must be some prospect of reason for apprehension, otherwise why the conference? It seems to me that in commerce, as in motor cars and steam engines, when there is trouble the surest way of getting it out is to get at the root of the matter and maintain that what is a trouble is a pretty clear-headed man to get at the trouble starts with regard to the British trade in the East. Some time ago Mr. Holyoak, who is Chairman of the Hongkong British Chamber of Commerce (when he happened to be passing through the Colony), referred in the Legislative Council to the evidence of unfair and dishonest methods of the German firms as disclosed during the liquidation proceedings brought about by the shutting up of enemy firms. I don't know whether the details of these "unfair and dishonest" methods were ever published. If they were I did not see them, but I suppose exactly what happened was that they found one or two firms had got into "Queer Street" and had been doing a bit of a juggle to endeavour to weather the storm. Well, I think that argument can be applied to the German as well as to the German. See here, Mr. Editor, suppose next Monday we suddenly wind up all the British or French or American or any other nation's businesses. Does Mr. Holyoak or anybody else expect us to believe that some of them will not be found to be going through a crisis and doing the Chinese way of dealing with the slip into port? I for one wouldn't believe it. That's my point showing the state of mind of the British merchant—has arrived at where he won't face facts but must make silly excuses. In India, where I was for some considerable time engaged in work which offered particular and peculiar opportunities for getting an insight into other peoples' business, I saw how our trade suffered. For instance, Mr. Bag Wallah comes along, first-class P. and O. with a string of "ships" bristling with samples of new lines. He arrives at Calcutta on Friday, has a bit of a booze-up on Saturday, unpacks his samples on Sunday and calls on the British Merchant No. 1 on Monday. If he is lucky he gets past the durwan outside the bazaar's door after about ten calls and hailing his coach and taking his first part of an hour. When finally he is shown into the bazaar's office, something like the following conversation takes place:—

Mr. Bag Wallah: Good morning

Mr. B. W. (about to open sample bag): I would like to show you —

Mr. B. M.: Thanks, I won't trouble you. You see we have been established here for forty years and there is nothing new under the sun that we don't know about. Good morning.

Exit Mr. Bag Wallah without having been given even a chance to display his samples. He tries the firm next door with the same result and after "doing" the whole British mercantile community he gets fed up and frightened. He has been sent out to the East to do business and unless these cables with offers don't pretty soon begin to tingle over the lines and fall with a big ding on the boss's desk in London, there is likely to be trouble. What does he do? He looks round for other firms to call on (preferably German if he knows the ropes) and sends in his card to Herr Stickenwacken, of Messrs. Griebner and Griebner, and before he knows where he is, old Stickenwacken has got his eagle eye on these samples and they go through his wily fingers like a sieve. Stickenwacken takes the goal and leaves the bud. He studies—

Mr. Bag Wallah to time with him, and while the other eye at his *cheta sahib* whereby the latter knows that something good has come out of that sample bag and did not pass through the sieve. Mr. Bag Wallah goes out with a big fat order and, dines with Stickenwacken that night on Spring Port and 84 chicken specially purchased for the purpose, and leaves with a further one-and-a-half per cent discount knocked off the price he first quoted. It's no myth, I've seen it. This is also fact:—Tenders were called for, for a large quantity of enamelled iron number plates, in Calcutta when I was there. Mr. British Merchant calls on the intending buyer and quotes prices of £1 and £1.50, delivery in three months, documents 10 days' sight, and what not. The buyer grins and says "Thanks, we'll let you know," and after Mr. British Merchant has gone, takes a quotation from under his blotting pad which is five per cent cheaper and undertakes immediate delivery from stock on the spot. That quotation comes from a German firm. The German firm may have been the one to win, but what's the use of that? The names of the firms in Calcutta, if you want 'em. Now we'll come back to Hongkong for a bit. I know a man here who has been doing a bit of advertisement canvassing lately. He finds that the managers of certain firms allow their private politics, tastes and feelings to influence their choice of advertising media. If a paper has offended him by slinging the merits of some merchant society with which the head of the firm happens to be sympathetically concerned, he puts his private grievance before the claims of pure business. Circulation and popularity to him are quite secondary considerations. A paper may appear to most of the people who will buy his goods than any other, but if its editor has annoyed him over anything apart from his business he will boycott it. The Editor of the objectionable (successful) rag has got to mend his evil ways and boost that society, otherwise he can go hang before his paper gets an ad. That's fact, Mr. Editor, and you know it. It is also unbusiness-like and silly. As you say, Mr. Editor, for God's sake let us chuck out and face facts. During the war it was the "unfair methods of the German in commerce that was the cause of the trouble. Now we have slung the Han out (and good riddance) it may be the turn of the Americans and the Japanese. The real fault is in the British merchant himself and his rotten *sub-junta* know-all way that he has developed because his grandfather built up a sound trade and got the control of the world's markets in the same manner that other nations are now beginning to do and we having, in addition, the advantage of the upthrust of the Britisher. All this twaddle about unfair methods of Germans! If Germany, as a commercial nation, had practised dishonest methods as a general principle, the doors of the bankruptcy court would have closed upon her years ago. Any British merchant knows full well that the only road to commercial success is straight dealing. He knows that anything else is bound to lead to disaster in the long run, yet he goes and discredits himself by saying that he has been beaten at his own game (commerce) by elicits. He ought to be

glad to see 'em about because such methods will get rid of his competitors a jolly sight quicker than any combination, ordinance or boycott.

I feel better now I've got it off my chest.

Thanking you and enclosing my card.

I am, etc.,

CANDID.

THE POSTMORTEM ON ART.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Dear Sir,—Through the haze of epigrams which serve to dull the blade of the adversarialist to a printable article; despite the spars (to vary the mixture) which might serve to distract the notice from the red blazes of Realism; there is to be seen clearly one idea—that only a Realist can meet with success in love, that only a Realist is perfectly human. So be it: I accept the gage.

To begin with, let us put the matter to a practical test. The China Mail will publish the adversarialist's translation of "Romeo and Juliet." Now for the blabberstudies—"Great Rush for Our New Book: Thousands Burning Their Shakespeares." Feet-draw. As Democritus, we must bow to the Public's choice. Besides, the Swan of Avon is a bit of a realist himself sometimes. In his last speech Romeo observes, of Juliet's tomb, "here, here, will I remain with worms that are thy chamber-maids." Is that not good enough? The Elizabethans were less superficial than we are in this, that even their ranting, taken literally, makes better reading and better sense than our modern realism. Please compare "Idealism is punk" with "I am afraid, Bang in night, all this is but a dream. Too flattering-sweet to be substantial." As to "fruit-tree tops," is the Editor never bored if you stop him in the middle of a sentence? Are Realists consistent? If so, why did the adversarialist describe the drop on the tip of Romeo's nose? He was, I gather, looking up, so that one must form some theory of pronounced Senile origin quite at variance with the text, to admit the China Mail's story of the pendant drop. (L.B.W.)

As a matter of fact, I am a Mystic. When the fire burns up sufficiently you may get an explanation of my attitude. The only object of this letter was to disagree with your own. Yours Faithfully,
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EGYPTIAN UNREST.

News from Cairo indicates that the anti-British campaign is becoming worse. The extremists are apparently resolved to boycott Lord Milner's Commission. Commenting on this, the Daily Graphic remarks that as long as men representing Great Britain in India or Egypt were few in number and belonged by birth or upbringing to the more responsible class of English society, they were enabled by their personality to enforce their authority without creating any sense of hardship; but when the power of the Empire is represented by men whose personal qualities are not of the first order, difficulties arise. Such men have little to appeal to beyond their race and their official positions and they are apt to over emphasise both these accidental qualities.



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BANKS. HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ... \$16,000,000

RESERVE FUNDS ... \$11,000,000

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CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

The November Criminal Sessions were opened this morning, both Courts sitting.

BEFORE THE PRISON JUDGE.

ROBBERY AND CHILD STEALING.

Chung Tum San and Chung Fuk were charged with robbery and stealing.

Accused pleaded not guilty. The Crown Solicitor, Mr. G. H. Wakeman, prosecuted, and the accused were undefended.

The jury were Messrs. G. Martin, A. Leon, V. A. Mason, K. R. Macaskill, F. X. Ferreira, F. S. Thompson and E. O. P. Hyndman.

Opening the case for the Crown, the Crown Solicitor said the two prisoners were charged with four offences—two of robbery and two of child stealing. The evidence would show that on the night of January 5th last, a robbery took place at a village called Shun Pui in the New Territories. At one house the accused were charged with stealing a sum of \$18 and at the same time taking away a little boy aged seven years.

The second charge was that of robbery at another house in the same village, from which a sum of \$60 was stolen and also a boy aged 4 years. The first witness would tell the jury that on the night in question, she was in her house with her son who was sleeping in the servants' quarters in an out-house. At about 11.30 p.m., four men suddenly came in to the house and ransacked it, taking away a quantity of clothing and \$18 and also her son.

In the second robbery, also a sum of \$60 was taken and also a small boy aged 4 years. The accused were identified by the small boy who would tell the jury that he clearly recognised the prisoners as the men who took him and the other boy away. When charged accused denied they had anything to do with the robbery.

Evidence was then taken. The jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty and the accused were sentenced to 5 years' hard labour each and 12 strokes with the "cat."

BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

ROBBERY AND ASSAULT.

Liu Ying was charged with assault with intent to rob.

Accused pleaded not guilty. The Hon. Attorney General prosecuted and the accused, was undefended.

The jury were Messrs. E. H. Ray, E. S. Ford, C. S. Morrison, H. M. da Silva, J. H. Rutherford, F. Gomes and S. J. Ismail.

Outlining the case, the Attorney General said the accused was one of five men who entered a room on the second floor of No 69 Praya East, at about 7.30 p.m., on September 26.

The evidence was clear that accused entered the place with intent to rob. The first witness would tell them that two men armed with knives entered the cubicle in which he lived with his wife and two daughters. Asked what they wanted, the robbers said they were looking for opium and that an Inspector was following.

The witness attempted to get up but was threatened by the robbers with death if he did not keep still. The robbers then demanded the keys of witness' boxes and attempted to take a bag from the wrist of one of the daughters.

The alarm was given and the robbers made off. Witness identified accused as one of the robbers and also stated that the latter attempted to shoot him with a revolver, but it missed fire.

Evidence was then taken.

NEW BARRISTER ADMITTED.

Prior to the opening of the Criminal Sessions this morning, the Attorney General, moved for the admission of Mr. Sin Kok-chan as a Barrister at law to practise in the Court of Hongkong.

The Attorney General said he begged leave to move that Mr. Sin Kok-chan be approved, admitted and enrolled to practise as a Barrister in the Courts of Hongkong. The application was supported by two affidavits, the first by Mr. Sin Kok-chan himself who states that he was duly admitted as a Barrister at Law at Middle Temple, on April 25, 1914, and was called to the Bar in November 1918. The second affidavit was by Mr. Chun, whom His Lordship would remember, was, some time ago, admitted as a Barrister in Hongkong. Mr. Chun duly vouches for the identity of the applicant.

Mr. Sin Kok-chan was born in Canton and resided in Victoria of this Colony until 1912 when he went to England and obtained the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Cambridge. He returned from England this year in October and now made application for admission to practise in the Court of Hongkong. His Lordship duly admitted the applicant.

"WALLA WALLA" Launches at Blake Pier. Night and day service.

AN AMERICAN CELEBRATION.

TIFFIN AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

A tiffin was given at the Hongkong Hotel to-day by the American community, to welcome Senator Theodore J. Burton, and to bid farewell to Consul General Thomas W. Sammons (Shanghai).

Mr. G. Anderson, American Consul General of Hongkong, presided, and covers were laid for fifty guests.

At the conclusion of the tiffin, Mr. Anderson calling upon Senator Burton to address the gathering said he had much pleasure in introducing a speaker who had something to say.

Senator Burton in a lengthy speech dwelt on the necessity for a closer understanding between the people of the Orient and of the Occident. He referred to the great changes that the war had brought about in America.

With regard to the liquor prohibition, he was amongst those who thought it was worth a trial and he did not think the United States would go back on prohibition as a whole in the future. On the question of woman's suffrage, great advances had been made also in that direction and no one imagined a few years ago the great part women were taking in the political questions of to-day. The war had put an end to the isolation of the United States as was exemplified America when the American troops landed at Brest and the response of that City when the people acclaimed from the roofs of the houses and in the streets "the Americans have come to save France and the World. He was one of those Americans who believed in the League of Nations and whatever might be said by other members of the Senate he thought it worth a trial. It was intended that the United States should deal direct with the British Dominions in view of the fact that they were to have a vote on the Council of the League and it was one of the first moves in that direction that the United States Government had made in sending Mr. Sammons to Melbourne to act as Consul General there.

Mr. Sammons said that he was very glad to see that the American community of Hongkong could get together such a large and representative gathering at such short notice.

He thought the past few months had brought about changes that required readjustment everywhere. He was not so sanguine as to the League of Nations as he had previously been, but he hoped some of the ideas of Mr. Barton might be introduced.

Mr. Anderson then expressed appreciation of the addresses of Mr. Barton and Mr. Sammons, on behalf of those present and the proceedings terminated.

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

List of vessels in port this morning.

British—
Hangsang
Shansi
Uncas
Taikoo Wan Yi
Shinon
Loksang
Chipsing
Haiyang
Yuesang
Fausang
Hong Wan I
Hinsang
Shantung
Haitan
Amherst
Cardigan
Empress of Japan
Jehangir
War Sepoy
Limburg

Japanese—
Takeno Maru
Soshu Maru
Satsuki Maru
Shinno Maru
Africa Maru
Riojan Maru
Sorachi Maru
Yokohama Maru
Kashima Maru
Banri Maru

Chinese—
Alicorne
Mo Hon
Chongwa
Hok Canton
Shun Cheong

Dutch—
Riouw
Tjialak
Tjikembang
Limburg

American—
Tancerville
Norwegian—
Childar
Diya

Portuguese—
Hoiping

INDIGESTION AND BILIOUSNESS.

YOU should not eat food of any kind when bilious, but take a full dose of Chamberlain's Tablets and drink plenty of water. That will cleanse the stomach, move the bowels and soon restore the system to a healthy condition. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

NOTICES.

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AGENCIES—LONDON AND NEW YORK.

HONGKONG FUND FOR WAR DEVASTATED VILLAGES IN FRANCE.

PROGRAMME OF ARRANGEMENTS

GYMKHANA—On Saturday, 29th November at Happy Valley. The Race of the Day

LECTURE—On Monday, 1st December at the Theatre Royal by

MILIE H. VAN DER FLIER
Illustrated with MOTION PICTURE taken at the various battle fronts.

CABARET—A Bal Masque (Domino and Mask) will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on FRIDAY, 19th December, from 9-12 p.m.

Entrance Fee \$5.00 per Head—including light refreshments.

PANSY DAY—On SATURDAY The Cabaret will be Open from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Tea, Dancing, Tombola and "Everything Store."

Entrance Fee \$1.00—including tea. Tombola Prizes Kindly Presented by the Portuguese Community.

CHINESE THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE—Under the direction of the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak. Date and place to be announced later.

The proceeds will be devoted to the amelioration of the homeless widows, children and orphans in the war-stricken areas of devastated France.

OPIUM THROWN OVERBOARD.

A man and a woman were charged before Mr. R. O. Hutchison to-day with the unlawful possession of 1942 taels of prepared opium.

Mr. D. V. Stevenson was for the first defendant.

A Chinese revenue officer stated that at 9 p.m. on the 12th inst. upon information received, he went to board a sampan lying alongside the Canton wharf for opium. When he boarded it, first defendant threw a parcel overboard. He asked what it was he had thrown out and defendant gave no reply. He arrested him and brought him to the office. The parcel was picked up by divers an hour after.

His Worship fined first defendant \$5,000 or six months' and discharged the second defendant.

STEEL SHIPMENTS.

So far the strike of steel workers in the eastern U.S.A. has not affected the export of steel and steel products to the Orient from Seattle. The steamship "Endicott," of the Pacific Steamship Company's line, sailed from Seattle October 5 with a cargo of steel equipment, iron bars, structural steel and other material for the Far East. Since the steel strike was declared regular shipments of steel have arrived in Seattle for overseas dispatch, but should all the mills be compelled to close, shipping men declare a shortage of steel probably will be felt.

NEW PACIFIC CABLE.

The Seattle Chamber of Commerce informs the China Mail that business men of the Pacific Northwest of the United States are working for the laying of a new trans-Pacific cable along the northern or "Great Circle Route." A bill is now pending in the United States senate providing for the construction of a new cable across the Pacific along the route that is found after investigation to be the most desirable. It is the hope of Seattle exporters and importers that the senate committee will be convinced that the northern route is the most feasible.

It has been shown to the senate committee that a cable laid from Seattle or some point on Puget Sound to Yokohama would traverse a route of 2,700 miles shorter than by way of San Francisco, Midway and Yokohama. By the northern route it would be possible to complete the cable in probably two years less time and would cost \$20,000,000 less than if laid over the southern route out of San Francisco.

With the immense volume of business now being transacted across the Pacific, and the inadequate cable facilities, it is the assertion of American business men that better communication facilities must be provided at an early date.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

S. KERR.—You may pronounce them "idiotisms," but the correct spelling is "editorials."

AMCUS.—The man who described that paragraph as, "scurrilous" doesn't know the meaning of the word. From what you tell us, we guess there are some other things he doesn't know.

"MACK"—The rider of Mr. de Souza's "Leander" in the Distance Handicap at the gymkhana held on Oct. 11 was Mr. E. V. M. de Souza, junior.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received at the U.S. Consulate from the Manila Observatory at 9 a.m. November 18.

Typhoon in about 123° Long; E and 13° Lat. N. moving WNW.

Spend your Evenings in a "WALLA WALLA" Launch.

CHURCH MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

The following appeal from the Bishop has been issued:

The Committee of this Association is very desirous of extending its usefulness, and I most cordially commend their efforts. The Association has for many years been a most valuable agency for disseminating accurate knowledge of Church extension in South China, promoting prayer for it, and collecting funds. Never were its efforts more needed. Intelligent Chinese in all parts of this vast Diocese are literally asking for the facts of our faith. Schools are crowded and Chinese Churches are filled, but the labourers are few.

Two things are asked:—Intercessory Prayer, and Generous Giving.

Prayer: In union with the whole church, intercessions for missions will be held at St. Andrew's tide November 26-December 3.

On Wednesday, November 26, a special service of Intercession will be held in St. John's Cathedral at 8.30 p.m. Church people are asked to book the day and attend. On Tuesday, December 2, there will be the customary chain of silent intercessory prayer in the Cathedral.

Giving: Much of the splendid work of the C.M.A. is now in great peril of being checked owing to the enormous loss in exchange. The sovereign which friends in England give only realises four and a half dollars now instead of ten or eleven before the war. The London secretary has telegraphed to us to prepare for considerable retrenchment this winter, and this at a time when we hoped to advance our Evangelistic work! I appeal to the local Church Missionary Association to come forward and supply this need. Mrs. Knights of 2 Mountain View, the Peak, is the Secretary and Major Walsley of Queen's Gardens the Treasurer.

G. H. VICTORIA, Hongkong. St. Paul's College. Hongkong, Nov. 12, 1919.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.O.S. Co's R.M.S. *Empress of Asia* arrived at Shanghai on Nov. 17, 7 p.m., left there Nov. 18, 4 a.m., and is due at Manila on Nov. 28, 4 p.m.

The C.P.O.S. Co's S.S. *Mathew* arrived at Nagasaki on Nov. 17, 3 a.m., left there Nov. 17, 8 p.m., and is due at Shanghai on Nov. 18, 1 p.m.

The N.Y.K. Co's *Nagato Maru* (Calcutta Line) left Kobe for this port via Osaka and Moji on the 16th Nov., and is expected here on the 25th November.

ARRIVALS.

November 18.
RIOUN, Dutch, 4,728 tons, from Holland via Lisbon, Capt. V. Manwan, J.O.L.L. AS.

BOURBON, French, 997 tons, from Rangoon, Capt. E. J. Feuliton, Thai Thuan, Quay Bay.

HANTUNG, Brit., 1,207 tons, from Shanghai, Capt. Lovegrove, B. & S. C.B.

HANGSANG, Brit., 1,388 tons, from Canton, Capt. G. S. Holmwood, J.M. & Co., B30.

CLEARANCES.

November 18.
LUCHOW, Brit., 9 a.m., for Bangkok via Swatow, B. & S.

UNCAS, Brit., 7 a.m., for San Francisco, Standard Oil Co.

LAETES, Brit., 7 a.m., for Shanghai, B. & S.

SEANTUNG, Brit., noon, for Shanghai, B. & S.

HAIBONG, Brit., 1 p.m., for Foochow via Swatow, D.L. & Co.

CARDIGANSHIRE, Brit., 11.30 a.m., for Macassar, Thomson & Co.

TAMING, Brit., 3 p.m., for Manila, B. & S.

PEUMPENH, Brit., 4 p.m., for Saigon, Wo Fat Sing.

POST OFFICE.

IXMAS LETTER MAIL.

The Letter Mail to be despatched per "Empress of Japan" on the 18th inst., is expected to reach London on or about December 23rd.

Mail for Cheungchow will until further notice, be closed at 3.30 p.m. instead of 3.00 p.m.

The Money Order Service with the Philippine Islands has been temporarily suspended.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 8 p.m. on the previous day.

In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m. Registration closes at 5 o'clock on the previous evening.

INWARD MAILS.

WEDNESDAY, November 19.
Shanghai—Per TEAN.

THURSDAY, November 20.
Haiphong—Per ANDRE LEBON.

FRIDAY, November 21.
Europe (via Negapatnam)—Per KNIGHT TEMPLAR.

OUTWARD MAILS.

WEDNESDAY, November 19.
Macao—Per HUIAN, 8.30 a.m.

Java via Soerabaya—Per ROUN, 9 a.m.

Philippine Islands, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—Per AKI MARU, Registration 8.45 a.m., Letters 9.30 a.m.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

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November, 18th to 20th,
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FRIDAY Nov. 21 "FOREVER AFTER"
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